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MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel White

15 September 1953

SUBJECT : Changes in Agency Regulations

1. Attached are proposed notices prepared by Logistics regarding changes in Agency regulations resulting from recent State Department revisions of their regulations. Their covering memorandum, dated 14 September 1953, states that oral concurrences have been secured from the Comptroller, General Counsel, and Personnel Office.

2. For background, we requested Logistics by memorandum dated 17 August 1953 to "give consideration to the question of whether the Central Intelligence Agency should change pertinent regulations to adopt provisions comparable to those announced by the Department of State." By needling and putting on some pressure, the information contained in the attached memorandum of 10 September 1953, signed by [REDACTED] was obtained. Logistics was then alerted that you expected definite action by Monday of this week.

3. It is believed that the memorandum from Logistics and attachments are deficient as follows:

a. There is no mention of why CIA should or should not follow State Department regulations.

b. The above policy question is not presented in such a fashion that you could approve or disapprove.

c. The notices themselves are simply adjustments to the regulations and do not explain why the notice device is being utilized nor why the regulations themselves are being adjusted.

4. The possible solutions at this time are:

a. Forward the notices as prepared to [REDACTED] for priority coordination after adjustment in their language.

b. Return the paper to Logistics with a request that they put it in complete and final form for your action on a priority basis.

c. The reworking could be done in this Office.

5. I would recommend that the matter be referred to [REDACTED] and in addition suggest that you also talk to Jim Garrison using this as an example explaining to him the method you wish followed in presenting similar items.

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6. In a sense a similar problem exists with respect to State Department changes of regulations involving the personnel field. A similar memorandum was addressed to Personnel on 17 August 1953. However, we were more specific by suggesting expediting changes of regulations on two points:

"a. Effect curtailment of employee's privileges to change designated home address for home leave purposes, along the same lines announced in Foreign Service News Letter No. 77.

"b. Provide for cancellation of home leave privileges when an employee resigns after the commencement of home leave."

The Personnel Office was also requested to study the general problem of duration of tours of duty. Personnel has forwarded specific regulations to Echols by memorandum dated 21 August 1953. In the meantime they are studying the tour of duty problem and have had discussions with representatives of [REDACTED] Commo. 25X1A That study is due for completion approximately 21 September 1953.

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